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TAGS: PFOR, IZ, US

SUBJECT: SUIT AGAINST AMBASSADOR HILMY

REF: A) 76 BAGHDAD 418 B) 76 BAGHDAD 783 C) BAGHDAD 24

1. YOU MAY INFORM GOI THAT ON NOVEMBER 8 AMBASSADOR HILMY WAS DISMISSED AS A DEFENDANT IN A SUIT AGAINST THE ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE IN NEW YORK.

2. JUSTICE'S CIVIL SUIT WAS THE RESULT OF A NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT PLACED BY THE ARAB INFO OFFICE IN NOVEMBER 1975, WHICH ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGULATION ACT. JUSTICE ASSERTED THAT HILMY WAS ACTING IN THIS CASE AS DIRECTOR OF ARAB INFORMATION OFFICE.

3. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S SUIT WAS DROPPED BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT RULED THAT THE HEAD AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ARAB LEAGUE'S PERMANENT OBSERVER OFFICE SHOULD BE ACCORDED THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES THEY WOULD HOLD IF THEY
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WERE MEMBERS OF THEIR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO THE UN. THE PROCESS OF FORMALLY OBTAINING SUCH P AND I FOR HILMY AND

OTHER ARAB LEAGUE OFFICERS WILL ENTAIL AMENDMENTS TO RELE-VANT U.S. LEGISLATION AND AN EXECUTIVE ORDER. THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE SOME TIME. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT GRANTED HILMY INTERIM DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.

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AFTER THE CASE BROKE THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT HAD PLACED
HILMY ON ITS UNITED NATIONS DELEGATION.

4. TO AVOID POSSIBLE FUTURE PROBLEMS, THE DEPARTMENT
HAS SPOKEN WITH ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE NEED
FOR THE ARAB LEAGUE OFFICE TO ABIDE BY PROVISIONS OF
PERTINENT U.S. LAWS.
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